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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1183

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2014

BILL AMENDED: Jan 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Recycling reporting, state goal, and study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Charbonneau

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Reporting of Recycling:* This bill requires every recycler to report to the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on the recycling activities conducted by the recycler. It allows a recycler the option of reporting annually or quarterly. It allows certain persons who are not subject to the reporting requirement to report voluntarily. It requires the commissioner to post on IDEM's Internet web site a uniform recycling activity report form to be used in making the recycling activity reports. The bill also requires the commissioner to submit to the Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC) an annual written report summarizing the information obtained through the recycling activity reports submitted to the commissioner.

Recycling Goal: The bill establishes a state goal of recycling at least 50% of all municipal waste by 2019.

Recycling Study: The bill requires the EQSC, not later than November 1, 2014, to produce a written report that includes the EQSC's analysis of a number of recycling-related subjects.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Reporting of Recycling:* The bill requires IDEM to compile recycling data into an annual report to the EQSC based on recycling activity reports received from recyclers. IDEM would also have to provide a recycling activity report form on their web site for recyclers to utilize. IDEM should be able to implement the bill's provisions with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Recycling Study: The bill requires the EQSC (or a committee of the EQSC) to hold six meetings during 2014 and to produce a written report that includes all written testimony and materials presented during the meetings concerning various recycling-related subjects. The bill specifies that the report must not make recommendations concerning, or otherwise limit consideration of, any policy option for increasing recycling of municipal solid waste for any reason.

The EQSC has received a budget of \$16,500 for recent interims per Legislative Council resolutions. If all EQSC members attended six meetings, it is likely that this budget would not be sufficient and additional funds would need to be requested from the Legislative Council.

Additional Information - Current statute provides that the EQSC consists of 17 voting members and 1 nonvoting member: 8 members from the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of IDEM (a nonvoting member who does not receive compensation), and 9 lay members appointed by the Governor. During the 2013 interim, there were only 6 lay members appointed by the Governor. With a budget of \$16,500, the EQSC would have been able to meet 5 times during the 2013 interim with full attendance of the 15 appointed members.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Solid waste management districts would be required to submit recycling data to IDEM under this bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Legislative Council.

Local Agencies Affected: Solid waste management districts.

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